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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Atsushi Hikita

Application No.: 10/717,538

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Art Unit: 1774

For: DECORATIVE MOLDED OBJECT HAVING  
COLOR DESIGN IMAGE AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: T. Dicus

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 9, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, **Group I, claims 1-11**, for examination. Applicants, of course, also reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Grounds for the traversal is as follows.

The Office Action alleges the presence of inventions to Groups I-II. In this regard, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. M.P.E.P. §803.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this restriction requirement and examination of all claims is respectfully requested. An early Action on the merits of this application is additionally respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

Dated: December 9, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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